

Huntington Beach Human Relations Task Force

Tuesday, December 3, 2013

Regular Meeting Minutes

I. Roll Call: 6:45 pm

Present: Dagley, Garrick, Lee-Goodman, Malik, Tyler, MacDonell, Knowles, Johnson,
Late: Dahman
Staff Liaison: Kuhnke
Police Liaison: Sgt. Winks

II. Welcoming Remarks by Chair Dagley

Chair Dagley welcomed all present.

III. Public Comments: There were no public comments.

IV. Special Reports/Presentations:

Barbara Kelly, CEO, and Cristy Clouse, District Coordinator from California Technical Assistance Center on School-Wide Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) presented information on the work that their group is conducting. PBIS is a multi-tiered intervention framework for improving the effectiveness, efficiency and relevancy of evidence-based practices that can help prevent school violence and bullying behavior. By investing in PBIS, schools are creating cultures that prevent development and occurrences of bullying. Bully Prevention in Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (BP-PBIS) is a prevention-focused approach to student support that blends socially valued outcomes, research-based procedures, behavioral science, and systems change work. For this program to be effective, the school must have: good data systems to monitor progress, trained and committed school personnel, ongoing professional development, staff support, and continual follow through by the school and the school district. Parent participation is also a must.

BP-PBIS provides a framework allowing students to connect to their school and creates opportunities to establish positive relationships with culturally diverse populations by implementing a community-wide respect campaign. Respect routines are developed and taught to the entire school that include a "stop phrase" to be used by the person being mistreated and sometimes the observer, as well as the ability to ignore the inappropriate behavior and permission to seek help when this is not effective. Observers are taught to basically ignore the perpetrator of the inappropriate behavior and teachers are taught a support strategy. A follow-up discussion of this program will be placed on the next agenda.

V. Approve Minutes:

***Motion to approve November 5, 2013 minutes as presented. Moved, McDonell; Seconded Knowles
Yes: 8 No: 0; Absent:1 (Dahman). Motion Approved.***

VI. Status Reports:

1. Hate Crimes/Incidents:

Sgt. Winks reported that hate crimes have dropped in both the state of California and Orange County. He also reported that according to a recent newspaper article, that the City had 10 hate crimes in 2010; 12 in 2011; 10 in 2012 and 2 so far in 2013. Further research is required to verify these numbers. Sgt. Winks also reported that recent hate incidents will probably be deemed an incident, not a crime. He reported that the new police chief is very community minded. He has served in many positions as a police officer, which endears him to the current police force.

Joe Shaw, Council liaison to the HRTF and Mayor Pro Tem, was introduced. He reported that a recent study, the Human Rights Campaign Municipal Equality Index, gave the city of HB a 76% rating, the best in Orange County. He credits this good rating in part to the activities of the HRTF and thanked us for our presence in the community. He also asked that the item be placed on the next agenda for further discussion.

2. Coordinating Council (CC) News/Activities: No report.

3. OC Human Relations News/Activities:

HRTF members are invited to their Dec. 12th Christmas Wassail at 4:00 pm at their office. Malik reported about a

panel the OCHR is sponsoring- Free Speech vs Hate Speech- which will discuss cities maintaining civility without violating free speech.

4. HB Reads 2013 News/Activities: Dagley continues to pursue funding opportunities.

5. HRTF Donation Account Balance: Kuhnke reported the balance at \$2,678.86.

VII. Updates, Planning, and Possible Motions pertaining to the following events/programs:

1. Ad Hoc Fundraising Committee: No new report.

2. Report form AD Hoc Museum of Tolerance Trip Committee:

No new information was presented. We will know by December 15th, if Valley Vista and Westminster High Schools received the Target grants that would provide needed funds for the proposed trips to the MOT.

3. HRTF Student Representative Programs

Garrick reported on the November meeting, noting the enthusiasm of the students and their discussion on various projects they could undertake. He and Tyler observed the students had even taken the initiative to prepare their own agenda of topics. There is no December meeting of the group because of their busy schedule.

4. Charter on Compassion Committee

Lee-Goodman reported on the first meeting. There was lots of discussion on “what is compassion?” Some of the descriptions included respect, kindness, and promoting equality. The two events already planned by the committee are a Day of Service on April 26th, which will involve lots of volunteer groups doing a variety of service projects around the city and the Compassion Games from Sept. 11-21, 2014. Her report stimulated a discussion about the role HRTF should play—should it be mainly supportive of the city or should we do our own thing. No conclusions were reached.

VIII. New Business and Possible motions pertaining to:

1. Follow-up research and possible program to identify school response to new anti-bullying laws
MacDonell reported that she is still trying to get the more recent data on school bullying.

2. Follow up on program to purchase diversity books for school libraries

Lee-Goodman suggested that we prepare a bibliography to share with city and school libraries. Lee-Goodman and Tyler will prepare a book list for possible purchase for donation to the HB elementary schools. Dagley presented a draft of a fundraising letter to procure funds for this project. Suggestions for changes or additions to the letter should be sent to Kuhnke.

3. Consideration of possible HRTF community –wide award program

Motion to approve Community Leadership Award program criteria.

Moved, Knowles; Seconded, Johnson Yes: 8 No: 0 Absent 1 (Dahman). Motion Approved

4. Status of Member Term Expirations

Dagley, Garrick, Lee-Goodman and Tyler all have requested reappointment. City council will vote on these at Dec. 16, 2013 meeting.

IX. Task Force Member Comments:

Dagley attended retirement party for Police Chief Small and presented certificate. Dagley also reported that he will be participating in a tour of Rainbow Disposal with Past Chair Inouye and the Environmental Board Chair in follow up to public comments from the November 5, 2013 meeting.

Adjournment at 8:45 pm to: January 7, 2014, Huntington Central Library, B Room at 6:45 pm.